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From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies), L.Dis. E.77935/48 dated 8.6.1948.

Weather conditions and crop prospects:- There was practically no rainfall during the first half of the fortnight during the latter half there was a rainfall of 1 to 2.9 inches in the districts of Malabar, South Kanara and the Nilgiris and 0.5 to 0.9 inches in the districts of Vizagapatam, Kistna, Guntur, Anantapur, Chittoor, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichirapalli, Madura and Ramnad. The rainfall was light or nil in the other districts of the Province.

Agricultural operations were held up for want of rains in the districts of North Arcot, Ramnad and Tirunelveli.

Water supply was inadequate in parts of the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Chingleput, Chittoor, North Arcot, Coimbatore, Madura, Ramnad and Tirunelveli.

Sowings of dry crops were proceeding in parts of the districts of Vizagapatam and Cuddapah and of paddy and ragi in the Nilgiris district. Dalwa paddy failed in large areas in the Narasapur taluk of the West Godavari district. Standing crops were also affected in the Razole taluk of the East Godavari district for want of adequate water supply. The condition of the standing crops was generally fair in the other districts of the Province.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in parts of the districts of West Godavari and Cuddapah, of ragi in the Cuddapah district and cholam and cumbu in the Tiruchirapalli district. The outturn was generally fair.

Stock and supply position:- The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 29.5.1948 when compared with the stock position on 22.5.1948.

Foodgrains.	on 22.5.1948.	on 29.5.1948.
Rice.	403134.	410726.
Wheat.	15610	17412.
Maida.	467	407.
Maize.	71316	68399.
Other grains.	22290	21554.

Rice:- The stock position in all the districts continues to be satisfactory. Out of 22937 tons of overseas rice allotted for May, 8,200 tons have so far been received.

The following are the quantities received in the fortnight:-

From Orissa.	4,514 tons.
From Eastern States.	2,524 tons.
From Overseas.	8,599 tons.
Total.	15,637 tons.

Millets (including Maize):- The General supply position of millets and maize in the Province is satisfactory.

Against the quota of 1,33,000 tons of maize allotted to

this Province for the first and second quarters of 1948, 1,29,474 tons have so far been received. 63 tons of Argentine millets were imported from the Central Provinces bringing the total receipts to 369 tons.

Wheat and wheat products:- During the fortnight 1,000 tons of wheat were received ex.s.s. Charles Dickens at Madras port. The Government of India have allotted 8,372 tons of wheat and 3,000 tons of maida for June 1948.

Progress of Procurement:- During the first fortnight of May, 35,808 tons of rice and 1,509 tons of millets (comprising 33,482 tons of rice and 704 tons of millets under the intensive procurement scheme and 2,326 tons of rice and 805 tons of millets under the levy scheme) were procured in the Province, as against 38,499 tons of rice, and 1,996 tons of millets procured during the previous fortnight. The fall in procurement was mainly in the Tanjore and Nellore districts.

A short note on the trend of prices and statements relating to the prices of the several foodgrains, firewood, salt, oil, etc. at various centres are at 'N' on page 5 c.f. and at pages 7-22 c.f. respectively.

The case may be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Food) and Hon'ble Minister (Public Works) and His Excellency.

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Hon'ble Minister (Food). x x x
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Hon'ble Minister (P.W.). M.B.
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His Excellency has seen, thanks.

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The case may now be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity for perusal and return.

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PUBLIC WORKS (I.&.P.) DEPARTMENT

The notes on pages 1-2 above, and the report on the food situation in the Provinces in the c.f. may be perused and the case returned to Food.

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Public Works (Information and Publicity) notes above

may be perused. The papers may now be recorded.

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